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Feds force city to keep sewage out of Gowanus Canal

By Natalie Musumeci

The Brooklyn Paper

The federal government will force the city to prevent millions of gallons of raw sewage from polluting the Gowanus Canal in a surprising addition to the much-hyped Superfund cleanup—likely through the construction of massive, \$78-million catch basins buried alongside the banks of the fetid waterway.

Two gigantic holding tanks would catch storm water and hazardous raw



human waste discharged when sewers overflow during storms at the head of the canal near Butler Street and at the middle of the waterway near Third Street, according to the Environmen-

tal Protection Agency's newly revealed half-billion-dollar proposal.

Combating sewage overflow was not the initial focus of the Superfund plan, which will dredge 10 feet of highly contaminated muck at the canal floor and cover it with a protective cap of sand, clay and gravel to prevent remaining toxins from seeping back into the ecosystem.

The feds originally targeted the crud at the bottom of the canal because it was known to be loaded with dangerous con-

taminants including heavy metals and chemicals. But when investigators found cancer-causing compounds in the sewage runoff that floods the canal, they ordered the city to keep wastewater out of the Gowanus as part of the cleanup.

"When we were doing the investigation three or four years ago we did not know whether or not the [combined sewage overflows] were an ongoing source of chemical pollution—now we know,"

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The Superfund cleanup plan for the notoriously filthy Gowanus Canal mandates that the city prevent millions of gallons of raw sewage from polluting the waterway.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Brooklyn Paper

It was a year that Brooklynites will never forget.

The past 12 months brought dramatic changes to the borough—with the excitement of big league sports returning to Brooklyn and the suffering Hurricane Sandy inflicted on residents and merchants from Greenpoint to Gravesend.

There were laughs and there were tears in 2012, with hard times and moments when it seemed like nothing could stand in Brooklyn's way.

Reflect with us on the year that was:

January

Coney rollers: Borough President Markowitz said he wants to bring gambling—once popular in Coney Island until it was outlawed in 1910—back to the Boardwalk. Just one problem: it's still illegal, according to state law.

Southpaw KO'd: The beloved Park Slope concert venue and dance hall Southpaw announced it would close to make room for a tutoring center, citing the increasingly family-friendly demographics of the kid-packed neighborhood.

Wee-wee protocol: Coney Island's PS 90 instituted a controversial policy limiting student bathroom breaks to three per week—a potty rule that left some parents unable to contain themselves until a story by this family of newspapers helped flush the ban down the drain.

February

Jedi rights: A bearded Sith stole Jedi instructor Flynn Michael's \$400 lightsaber from a Myrtle Avenue bar, sending shock waves throughout the borough's Rebel Alliance.

Who needs milk? Brooklyn moms and dads shocked the world yet again, this time by offering their young ones small decaf cappuccinos dubbed babycinos. The frothy drink bubbled over into a true trend, forcing the item onto the menus of more than a few hip cafes and winning the borough's coffee scene attention from international news outlets.

March

God is the question: A heated but heavily symbolic scuffle broke out in Williamsburg over an atheist billboard after a landlord barred the sign from rising on his roof, in a largely Orthodox Jewish section of the neighborhood. The



Happy New Year!

(Above) Park Slope's Xavier Jones, 10, blows in 2013 at the New Year's Eve Party at Grand Army Plaza. (At right) At the annual New Year's Day swim at Coney Island, a reveler has a chilly blast in the surf.

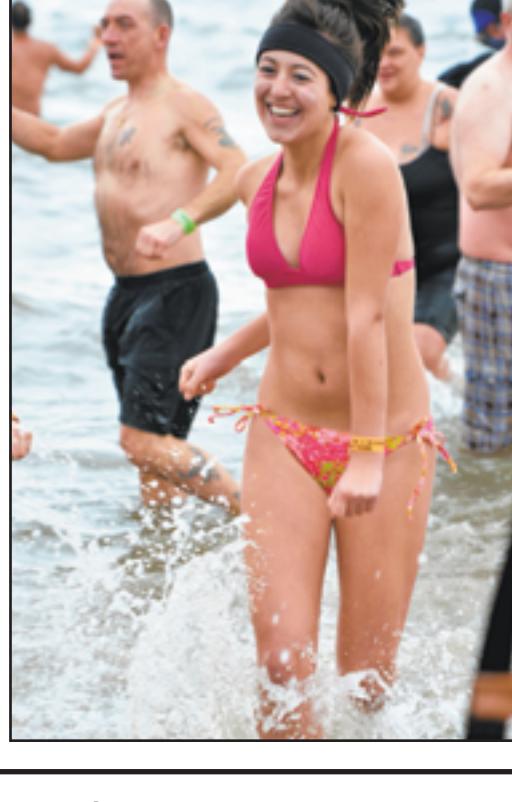


Photo by Paul Martinka



By Staff Reporters
The Brooklyn Paper

No one knows what the future holds—but that doesn't mean we can't make educated guesses. These movers, leaders, shakers, and makers will likely have a profound impact on Brooklyn in 2013, our panel of experts concluded.

1 Eric Adams

It's hard to believe it, but Borough President Markowitz won't be borough president forever.

This year will be his last year in office—and someone will need to fill his shoes.

The current frontrunner in the Beep race is Prospect Heights state Sen. Eric Adams, a former cop who made a name for himself by trying to stop the sale of assault weapons, battling stop-and-frisk, and attempting to "Stop the Sag"—an effort to keep the borough's youth from wearing pants below their waistlines.

"I've always wanted to be borough president," Adams told us in 2012.

Watch to see if 2013 is the year when his dream comes true.

2 Joshua Rechnitz

Retired Manhattan philanthropist Joshua Rechnitz came out of nowhere in 2012 when he announced his whopping \$40 million donation toward the construction of a velodrome and athletic facility in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Then he stunned Brooklynites for a second time by buying up a derelict Gowanus warehouse dubbed the "Bat Cave" in a bid to turn it into an arts space.

What's next for the borough's tight-lipped, bike-riding benefactor? Brooklynites will have to wait and see.

3 Mitik

Times are bound to get easier for Brooklyn's biggest baby.

Milik, the new walrus in Coney Island, had a tough first year. The infant nearly lost his life when he was separated from his pack and left stranded in the open ocean off of Alaska. Rescuers nursed the orphan back to health and brought him to the New York Aquarium, where he was scheduled to rest in a quarantine before meeting his new walrus buddies and legions of adoring fans—but Hurricane Sandy promptly slammed the People's Playground and put the tourist attraction under water.

Milik escaped the storm without injury, but the damaged aquarium isn't expecting to reopen until May at the earliest. Lovers of undersea life will have to wait until then before they finally have their chance to meet the borough's handsomest mustached mammal.

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4 Frank Seddio

He's the new boss—and only time will tell if he's the same as the old boss.

Ex-judge and former Assemblyman Frank Seddio took control of a fractured Brooklyn Democratic Party after Assemblyman Vito Lopez stepped down from the influential post amid allegations of sexual harassment.

Seddio, a longtime Lopez ally and member of the old guard

Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club, will spend 2013 leading a party split between former backers of the Lopez machine and those who fought to overthrow it. Politicos will watch to see if he can keep the union together—and he told us last year that times have changed since Lopez left.

"This is the new Brooklyn," he said. "It's not them and us but we."

5 Silent Barn

Queens' loss could be Brooklyn's gain. The quirky, experimental art space Silent Barn is making the move from Ridgewood to Bushwick—and 2013 will determine the future of the acclaimed do-it-yourself venue.

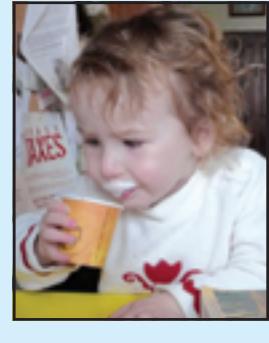
Will Silent Barn continue to book the kinds of wacky, buzzed-about, of-the-moment art events that made it a must-see destination for gallery-hoppers? Or will it become just one more drop in the paint bucket that is the Bushwick art scene? Stop by in 2013 and find out.

6 Sir Patrick Stewart

Plenty of stars have settled in Brooklyn—but none has traveled as far to get here as legendary Star Trek captain Sir Patrick Stewart.

The man who made his name playing Jean-Luc Picard relocated to Park Slope in the summer of 2012 and immediately won the respect of his neighbors when he turned to Twitter to rant about how tedious it was to get his car.

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(From top) Hurricane Sandy hit the borough hard, renegade diners disregarded "War on Brunch" in Greenpoint, tots slurped up babycinos at borough cafes and rap mogul Jay-Z christened the Barclays Center.

group later erected the billboard—which said in Hebrew "You know it's a myth"—in Greenpoint.

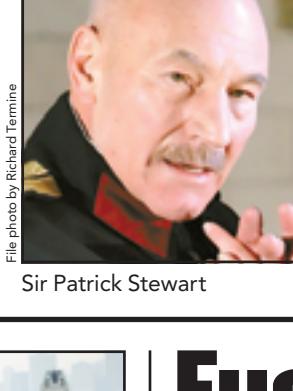
Grocery-fication: The gourmet megastore Whole Foods announced it will open on Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, raising cheers from neighborhood residents excited about organic kale—and concerns from hipsters who say the massive food chain is a sign that North Brooklyn has lost its cool.

Going up: Developers released renderings of a 65-story tower that could become Brooklyn's tallest building when it soars above the former Albee Square Mall as part of the City Point development in 2015 or 2016.

April

Food fight: The simmering war between a food vendor and Bay Ridge's brick-and-

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TRAIN DELAYS

Smith-Ninth rehab running late, station won't reopen for months

By Natalie Musumeci

The Brooklyn Paper

Transportation-starved Red Hook commuters must wait several more months before the long-shuttered Smith-Ninth Street subway station finally reopens.

The closed transit hub on the border of Red Hook and Carroll Gardens was most recently slated to reopen on Dec. 31 after 19 months of renovations—but that date has been pushed back until late March of next year, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

"The contractor is behind schedule

on this project due to problems with sub-contractors and the challenges associated with the unique design of the station," MTA spokeswoman Deirdre Parker said in a statement.

The contractor's "poor management" of the station's rehabilitation is one of the causes of the prolonged delay, according to a recent report by the MTA's Capital Program Oversight Committee, which says the station repair will not be completed in full until April.

"Insufficient manpower and quality control, and other design issues"

contributed to the postponement, the



Commuters must wait a few more months before they see this beautiful sight at the Smith-Ninth Street station.

report said.

Red Hook commuters, who are strapped for public transportation options even when the elevated station servicing the F and G lines is operable, are outraged by the news.

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Fuel for the fire

City: Burning the debris is 'green'

By Colin Mixson

The Brooklyn Paper

The city will torch debris left behind by Hurricane Sandy instead of turning it into mulch because burning the lumber is more environmentally sound, officials decided last Tuesday.

The Department of Environmental Protection approved a variance this week

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Smoke won't drift past the blue line on the map when authorities torch trees in Floyd Bennett Field, the city says.

Department of Environmental Protection

OUR COVERAGE OF THE BROOKLYN NETS

New coach, same trouble

Beat the worst, lose to the best under Carlesimo

FRONT COURT

By Tom Lafe

For the first two games under interim coach P.J. Carlesimo, the Nets appeared to have righted the ship.

Brooklyn rolled to wins over the lowly Charlotte Bobcats and Cleveland Cavaliers and seemingly had momentum on its side heading into a New Year's Eve showdown against the perennial powerhouse that is the San Antonio Spurs.

The Nets got crushed.

Carlesimo called the match-up against San Antonio "a statement game"—and the statement was clear: this team isn't ready to hang with the NBA's elite.

What is not clear, however, is why.

The Nets are a team built to win now. They spent millions in the offseason shoring up Deron Williams, Brook Lopez, Kris Humphries and Gerald Wallace—and acquiring underwhelming guard Joe Johnson—with the hope to compete with the Bulls, Heat, and Cel-

ics in the East. That has not been the case thus far.

The first casualty of the Nets' mediocrity was recently canned coach Avery Johnson. After an impressive November, injuries in December halted winning and Johnson was never able to get his group to refocus.

Even with a change at the top, the results through three games have followed the same narrative: there's no problem with the NBA's weakest teams, but the Nets can't keep up with the league's best.

The 104-73 drubbing at the hands of the Spurs, which included an historically awful five-point quarter, further demonstrates that these problems go beyond the coach.

Maybe the expectations heading into the season were too high. Maybe this team just isn't much better than a low playoff seed. Maybe this group of guys isn't fit to play together.

But with the talent from the top to the bottom of the roster, it's hard to believe any of those things. It remains to be seen if Carlesimo will be the man in



Interim Nets coach P.J. Carlesimo has a chat with franchise point guard Deron Williams—who has blamed recently canned coach Avery Johnson's offensive strategy for his sub-par performance this season.

charge of the Nets for the remainder of the season, but one thing is certain: if the Nets don't start performing to their potential, regardless of the coach, the team won't go far.

Tom Lafe is a 6-foot-5 sports world insider with a middling high school basketball career who believes the Nets will be driven by the success of the team's big men.

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A November test-run led the city to conclude that burning unchipped wood in the shipping-container-sized furnaces for 24 hours per day, seven days per week "would not have a significant impact on air quality in surrounding communities at ground level," according to the city

document. A diagram included in the city's memorandum showed low levels of pollutants reaching the Marine Park Golf Course, Mill Basin, and the Toys 'R' Us on Flatbush Avenue, and slightly higher levels at the Aviator Sports and Recreation complex.

But New York Public Interest Research Group senior environmental associate Laura Haight says the city is grossly underestimating the amount of emissions created by burning the wood—and claims the practical applications of chipped wood more than make up for the added cost of eradicating the Asian Longhorned Beetle.

"Much like burning coal,

Test of D-Will

Deron can pass the ball, but can't pass the buck

BACK COURT

By Matt Spolar

Whether he wanted it or not, the Brooklyn Nets are now Deron Williams's burden to bear. And so far, Nets fans don't have much proof he's up to the task.

Williams may not have been the reason coach Avery Johnson got fired two days after Christmas. But when you are widely suspected of running beloved coach Jerry Sloan out of Utah, make headlines for bemoaning the lack of an offensive "system" under Johnson, and don't play the night before he was fired because of a wrist injury you've played through all season—well, people are apt to wonder.

The question now isn't over D-Will's role in Johnson's firing, but whether he can carry the Nets—as his \$98-million contract suggests he should—now that he apparently has the run of the place.

Williams is in the midst of the least efficient season of his professional career. He's on pace to hit bottom in both field goal and three-point percentage, and his assists-per-game are the lowest since he was a rookie.

More distressing, how-

ever, has been his penchant for blaming anything and everything for his woes. First it was "not my wrist; it's my confidence." Then it was the injuries he has had "the whole time" he has been with the Nets. Next came the fact he's still "trying to adjust" from Utah's offensive system to Johnson's more isolation-heavy sets—an adjustment that might get easier under interim coach P.J. Carlesimo (Peej, unlike Johnson, has experience managing dynamic point men Rod Strickland and Kenny Anderson in Portland in the '90s).

Most recently, it was because he "didn't take any time off" to rest his legs between playing in Turkey prior to last year's lockout-shortened season and his stint on the U.S. Olympic team.

It's not that those explanations can't possibly be true—this very column has offered that Williams might need some time to settle into his new home after a hectic couple of years. But at this point in Brooklyn's inaugural season, as his team plays 500 ball after a \$330 million offseason spending spree, Williams no longer has opportunity for excuses. All that's left is the job he was hired to do.

Matt Spolar is a nearly 6-foot-1 journalist with a middling high school basketball career who is sure the Nets win thanks to team's top-tier guards.



The landmarked bank building at 177 Montague St. will be topped by 13 luxury condos. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

BANK ON IT

New condos for Heights

Natalie Musumeci

The Brooklyn Paper

The owners of an ornate Montague Street bank building plan to convert the upper floors of the landmarked, six-story structure into luxury condos.

The Stahl Organization, which owns the neo-Italian Renaissance-style building between Remsen and Pierrepont streets, wants to add 13 residential units to the top three floors, while keeping the bank intact below.

Tenants will enter the 1916 building—designed by renowned architects Edward York and Philip Saw-

yer—through a new lobby in the rear that will mimic the grand looks of the bank.

The interior of the grandiose banking hall—which like the facade is protected by the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission—will remain as is, complete with its prominent bronze chandeliers dangling from high coffered ceilings, colossal arched windows, and mosaic marble flooring.

The banking hall is an historic interior space that will not be touched," said Barry Rice of Barry Rice Architects.

TRAIN...

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"I'm very upset," said Desmond Hill, a Red Hook resident. "We have been making due for the past year and a half by either walking or taking the bus to the next station. The MTA needs to speed up construction—it's outrageous."

And she says the city wouldn't struggle to find buyers for the double-chopped wood.

"There's a very robust market for wood chips," she said. "From the get-go the city has been heavily leaning towards these burners."

Hill, who lives on Hicks Street near Lorraine Street, said that his commute to work in Coney Island has more than doubled since the closure of the Smith-Ninth Street station—forcing him to trek an extra 20 minutes to the Carroll Street station

"Work continues on the new, more spacious control house and the reshaping of the enclosure of the escalator and stairs to improve customer service," said Parker, who confirmed that the station is slated to open "by the end of the first quarter" in March, and that "substantial completion of the project will come in the second quarter," between April and June.

The complete renovation of the station, now expected to cost \$41.3 million, is part of the city's \$257.5 million Culver Viaduct rehabilitation project, which includes the restoration of several other stations, such as the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street stop.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE
GOWANUS CANAL SUPERFUND SITE
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the opening of a comment period on the Proposed Plan and preferred cleanup alternative to address contamination at the Gowanus Canal Superfund site in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. EPA will accept **public comments** on this proposed plan until **March 28, 2013**. As part of the public comment period, EPA will hold two public meetings on the Proposed Plan for the Gowanus Canal Superfund site. The first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 PM** at the **Carroll School (P.S. 58) located at 330 Smith Street, Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn**. The second meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 2013 at the Joseph Miccio Community Center, 110 West 9th Street, Red Hook, Brooklyn**. To learn more about the meetings you can contact Natalie Loney, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at 212-637-3639 or 1-800-346-5009 or visit our website at www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/npl/gowanus.

EPA recently concluded a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) for the site to assess the nature and extent of contamination and to evaluate cleanup alternatives for the site. Based upon the results of this RI/FS, EPA has prepared a Proposed Plan which describes the findings of the remedial investigation and also provides the rationale for recommending the preferred cleanup alternative. The preferred cleanup alternatives to address contamination at the Gowanus Canal Superfund site consist of:

- Dredging approximately 300,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the upper and middle portions of the Canal and stabilizing the remaining contaminated native sediments with concrete or similar materials
- Placing a three layer cap on the stabilized areas in the upper and middle portion of the Canal
- Dredging approximately 280,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the lower portion of the Canal and placing two layer cap over the dredged areas
- Removing contaminated fill from the 1st Street Turning Basin
- Transporting the contaminated sediment to an off-site permitted facility
- Source controls for contaminated upland properties and Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)

The Proposed Plan and other site-related documents are available for public review at the following locations:

Joseph Miccio Community Center: 110 West 9th Street, Brooklyn, New York; 718-243-1528; Hours: 9am – 9pm

Carroll Gardens Library: 396 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231;

USEPA Region 2: Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866, 212-637-4308; Hours: Mon. – Fri., 9am – 5pm

Or you can access them at: www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/npl/gowanus

EPA relies on public input to ensure that the selected remedy for each Superfund site meets the needs and concerns of the local community. It is important to note that although EPA has identified a preferred cleanup alternative for the site, no final decision will be made until EPA has considered all public comments received during the public comment period. EPA will summarize these comments along with EPA's responses in a Responsiveness Summary, which will be included in the Administrative Record file as part of the Record of Decision. Written comments and questions regarding the Gowanus Canal Superfund site, postmarked no later than March 28, 2013 may be sent to:

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FIRE...

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to install as many as four air curtain burners at the green-space that can light up toppled trees, allowing for the 24-hour, high-tech incineration of unwanted lumber from now until April 17—despite concerns from neighbors and activists who fear the fire will damage air quality and hurt their lungs.

Environmental activists

including the New York

Public Interest Research

Group, the Sierra Club, and

the American Lung Association

argued the fallen hard-

woods would be better off

sold as mulch, but authorities said turning the trees into ash creates less pollution than them into compost.

The reason why? Bugs.

To keep the ravenous Asian Longhorned Beetle—an invasive hard-shell pest known to attack maple, elm, willow, birch, poplar, and ash trees—from potentially compromising roughly half of the city's five million trees, the lumber must be chipped or incinerated.

But in order to shred the wood in a way sure to eradicate any pesky insects, the city must feed wood through

its chippers twice—each time creating harmful emissions from the machines themselves, the "fugitive dust created by the shredding process," and the trucks that will haul the mulch to its final destination, according to a variance memorandum sent from Department of Environmental Protection commissioner Carter Strickland to a contractor.

But New York Public Interest Research Group senior environmental associate Laura Haight says the city is grossly underestimating the amount of emissions created by burning the wood—and claims the practical applications of chipped wood more than make up for the added cost of eradicating the Asian Longhorned Beetle.

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Local drummer dies in crash

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

Metal fans, friends, family, and neighbors are mourning Brooklyn drummer and singer Rick Cimato after the Williamsburg resident died in a head-on car crash last Wednesday.

The 37-year-old hardcore and metal stalwart — who fronted Gods Green Earth and played drums for Thinning The Herd — was driving through Connecticut with his brother and girlfriend after visiting family in Maine when a vehicle going the wrong way on the highway collided with his car.

The other driver perished in the wreck, while Cimato's girlfriend and brother suffered serious injuries, but are expected to survive.

Bandmate Gavin Spielman, Thinning The Herd's lead singer, said he was heartbroken and that the group would probably call it quits.

"Rick was the best friend a guy could have," said Spielman, who met Cimato in



Photo courtesy of Thinning The Herd

2007 when he was still manning the sticks for Nassau Chainsaw. "He was trustworthy and personable, and an amazing musician. Everyone who knew Rick loved him, he had an easy and calm way — and a great smile."

Thinning The Herd finished its new album "Freedom From the Known" last month and was planning to release the record — which was made with help from Nirvana producer Steve Albini — in early 2013.

Cimato's bands frequently

played venues such as St. Vitus in Greenpoint and Trash Bar in Williamsburg, where he took the stage for the last time in early December with Thinning The Herd in a tribute show for deceased Pantera guitarist Dimebag Darrell and Hurricane Sandy victims.

"Rick always stood out for his various musical talents and thanks to his commitment to the New York metal and hardcore scenes, he will never be forgotten," said Jo Schuftan,

who runs Horns Up Rocks, a New York-based heavy music blog and promotion website. "I first saw him on stage with Nassau Chainsaw, but it was when I saw him fronting Gods Green Earth that his energy and humor captured my attention."

Cimato's fans weren't just metalheads — he had plenty of followers on the nights he bar-tended at Brooklyn watering holes including Grand Victory in Williamsburg.

Spielman is working on organizing a Brooklyn memorial for the musician.

More than a train of thought

Test shows locomotive might actually be buried under Atlantic Ave

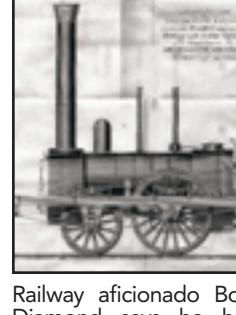
By Natalie Musumeci
The Brooklyn Paper

High-tech scientific testing detected a 20-foot-long metallic "anomaly" below Atlantic Avenue — adding coal to the fire of an urban legend centered around a 19th century steam locomotive rumored to be buried inside a long-abandoned tunnel.

Engineering consultants detected the odd finding under the surface of the bustling street near Hicks Street, deep inside a half-mile tunnel that was built in 1844 as part of a planned route to Boston, according to an investigative study conducted by Brinkerhoff Environmental Group.

The train project got shelved in 1861 and was lost to history until railway aficionado Bob Diamond discovered an open section of the obsolete Long Island Rail Road tunnel running from Hicks Street to Boerum Place in 1981 when he was just 19 years old.

Diamond has long claimed there's a locomotive buried



Railway aficionado Bob Diamond says he has proof something like this is buried deep beneath Atlantic Avenue.

there since the outbreak of the Civil War — it's like a living piece of history."

The train buff spent 28 years leading visitors down a manhole for popular tours of the abandoned passage until the Department of Transportation closed the tunnel by the order of Fire Department officials, who deemed it a safety hazard in 2010.

Diamond filed suit in an attempt to reopen the tunnel and managed to obtain a copy of the "top-secret" scientific findings — uncovered by a team of experts hired by National Geographic for a proposed television special on the urban legend — as part of his case against the city.

The documents detail how engineering consultants from the New Jersey-based firm scanned Atlantic Avenue from street-level with high-powered, ground-penetrating electromagnetic devices in search of the cast iron locomotive in January of 2011.

"It's like finding a giant hoard of gold," he said. "That locomotive has been sitting

sides of Atlantic Ave. and a separate smaller anomaly is located on the northern side of Atlantic Ave.," wrote Matthew Powers, director of geophysical services for the firm, in an inside e-mail obtained by this newspaper.

"There is no question that something(s) metallic is buried under Atlantic Ave., it's just a matter of what and in what orientation," wrote Powers.

Diamond has no doubt that the 20-foot-long metallic structure is a locomotive and that the smaller metal item is a railroad car.

"The only object that was on a railroad back in those days that was 20-feet-long and that would give off a strong magnetic signal would be a locomotive," he said. "There is nothing that a railroad used back then that would fit that description — everything else was made out of wood."

Diamond, who believes the locomotive is buried behind a four-foot-thick stone wall and 70 feet of dirt, is itching to get back into the tunnel and feast his eyes on the

historic steam-powered locomotive.

But first he will need permission from the city. Department of Transportation officials would not comment because of the ongoing litigation, but city lawyer Warren Shaw said the locomotive hasn't had much power in court so far.

"The issue of a possible locomotive was raised ... The judge dismissed every aspect of the complaint related to the alleged locomotive," he said.

But Diamond is optimistic — and he says the city could turn this train into an engine for Atlantic Avenue.

"I'm hoping that the city is going to realize what a great find this is ... and use this as a world-class tourist attraction that has the potential to help revitalize the western end of Atlantic Avenue," he said. "This is our big chance to make something out of the tunnel and this amazing archaeological find."

Officials at Brinkerhoff declined to comment on the matter due to the lawsuit.

Sandy: A storm like none before

By Natalie Musumeci
The Brooklyn Paper

The waters have receded, the downed trees are gone, the crushed cars have been towed, and the power is back

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mortar businesses booted over when merchants set up tables at two prime pieces of sidewalk real estate often used by the popular gyro seller Sammy Kassen — briefly forcing the mobile meal man to find a new spot.

Free ride: Cycling philanthropist Joshua Rechnitz shocked the two-wheeled world when he donated a whopping \$40 million to build a velodrome for track biking and an athletic center in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

May

Rest in peace: Beloved rapper and Brooklyn Heights native Adam Yauch passed away in May — and a group of neighborhood hip hop aficionados promised no sleep till Squibb Park is renamed to honor the legendary Beastie Boy.

Secret parking ring: A doorman at a fancy Park Slope building spilled the beans on a parking space-saving conspiracy in which concierges save spots for paying tenants by intentionally parking badly — then moving rides to fit more residents of their buildings.

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parkers, idling NYPD vehicles, and jay-walking pedestrians as common hazards.

September

Opening ceremony: The Barclays Center debuted on Sept. 29 after a decade of legal battles and financial tremors when rap legend, Nets part-owner, and Brooklyn native Jay-Z took the stage. Big acts including Barbra Streisand, the Rolling Stones, Justin Bieber, the Who, and Bob Dylan have since rocked the "Rustbowl" at the corner of Atlantic and Flatbush avenues.

Wal crumbles down: Controversial big box retailer Walmart announced it would not open a location in the planned Gateway II shopping center in East New York after fighting a year-long media war with local business and labor advocates over the shopping giant's plan to set up shop somewhere in Brooklyn.

October

Sad day: A hit-and-run driver took the life of rock band drummer Terence Connor as he biked down Metropolitan Avenue in Bushwick on Oct. 1. The motorist remains on the lam.

The puck drops here: The New York Islanders signed a 25-year lease to play home games at the Barclay Center, bringing hockey to Brooklyn beginning in 2015 despite a quirky seating configuration that may leave the area behind one of the goals of the deal.

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surge crippled the city's transit system, created a gas shortage that left the two-mile long Brooklyn Battery Tunnel flooded from end to end.

The storm crushed Coney Island, damaging the Boardwalk, submerging amusements, and slamming the New York Aquarium and Nathan's Famous — which will both

reopen this spring.

In Red Hook, Hurricane Sandy crushed Fairway Market, which remains closed, and nearly took the life of a beloved barkeep at Sunny's Bar.

Residents of Red Hook Houses went more than two weeks without electricity, heat, or hot water — but a team of doctors made volun-

teer rounds to get residents the care they needed.

After the storm passed, a plethora of big-hearted Brooklynites — from the Occupy Wall Street folks to Bay Ridge rock-and-rollers — got involved in recovery efforts, helping storm-ravaged merchants and residents get back on their feet.

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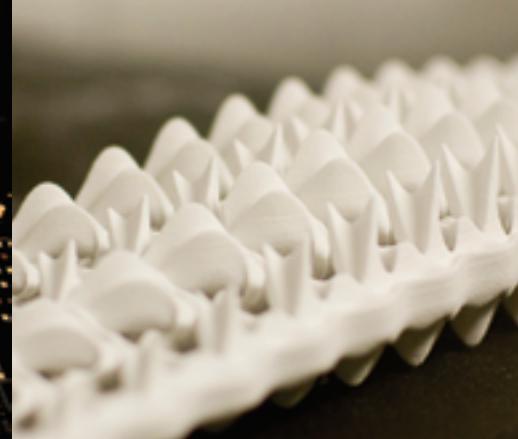
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These are the most delicious Brooklyn dishes in 2012

By Will Levitt
for The Brooklyn Paper

Whether standing, sitting, or eating on the go, after a year of living in Brooklyn, most borough residents can boast that they've eaten everything under the sun.

In case the blur of food has left you in a daze, here's the most delectable dishes of 2012:

1. The Scuttlebutt Sandwich at Saltie, Williamsburg (pictured top): You start smiling as soon as you order this sandwich. "I'll have a Scuttlebutt for here, please"—it's fun to say. You'll keep smiling as you wait for your sandwich in the adorable bite-sized shop, outfitted with nautical gear and staffed by a friendly, eager-to-please staff. But you'll have to smile and chew at the same time once your Scuttlebutt arrives and you take a bite. Sandwiched between two homemade slices of meaty Italian focaccia, the Scuttlebutt carries olives, capers, herbs, pickles, feta, hard-boiled egg and a slathering of fabulous aioli. Bright, balanced and briny, it's one happy sandwich.

[378 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street, in Williamsburg, (718) 387-4777, www.saltieny.com].

2. The Finocchio Flower Power Pizza at Krescendo, Boerum Hill: Though she rose to fame as a pastry chef, Elizabeth Falkner has made a name for herself and her restaurant Krescendo with the Finocchio Flower Power. Falkner, who won the 2012 Naples World Pizza Cup, is bound to gain a legion of adoring fans thanks to the pie, which is topped with panna, provolone, braised fennel, fennel fronds, fennel sausage, fennel pollan, and fiori di finocchio. It's a celebration of fennel in all its forms, but with a light, flavorful dough charred just right in their wood-burning oven, it's really a celebration of pizza in its highest form.

[364 Atlantic Ave. between Hoyt and Bond streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 330-0888, www.krescendobrooklyn.com].

3. The Miso Ramen at Naruto Ramen, Park Slope: It's well known that not all ramen is created equal. Park Slope's crowded ramen joint Naruto Ramen serves big bowls of the good stuff that won't break



Squashing it: (pictured clockwise from top) Williamsburg shop Saltie serves the perfect sandwich — and it's fun to say, too. Park Slope restaurant Naruto bowls over ramen-lovers with the Miso Ramen, a savory noodle dish topped with roast pork. The winter menu at Hunter's includes a plate of squash agnolotti served with pumpkin seeds. The fantastically fluffy Onion Quiche at Ovenly is a savory standout among some of the city's best baked sweets.

the bank like Momofuku Noodle Bar or some of the other trendier spots in town.

My favorite at Naruto is the miso variety, which adds depth to an already flavorful soup stock. Afop the soup and chewy ramen noodles sits a fish cake, roast pork, boiled egg, radish, and scallions and nori. For \$9 (they have great deals Tuesday-Thursday as well), this might be some of the best ramen in town.

[265 Fifth Ave. between Garfield Place and Second Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-1111, www.narutorerakawa.com].

4. The Onion Quiche at Ovenly, Greenpoint: It has been said that if eggs

were as rare as truffles, they would be even more valuable. The lovely Ovenly in Greenpoint, an oasis of baked goods quietly placed along the industrial Greenpoint waterfront, proves this saying true. While the tiny outpost is better known for some of the city's best oven-made sweets, the savory items stack up too. The onion quiche sitting on the counter always catches my eye, and proves itself a perfect treatment of the delicate egg. It has rich, creamy eggs baked into a light, flavorful quiche. No easy feat, but Ovenly bakes magic every time.

[213 Greenpoint Ave. at West Street, in Greenpoint, (347) 689-3608, www.oven.ly].



Photos by Stefano Giovannini

5. The Agnolotti, Hunter's, Smith Street: Agnolotti, the folded ravioli hailing from the Piedmont region of Italy, are not easy to come by in the States. Particularly hard to come by are the agnolotti that stand up to their Italian-made cousins. But at Hunter's Brooklyn in Cobble Hill, the tiny morsels are prepared with winter squash, sage, pumpkin seeds and Brussels sprouts — and they recall Northern Italy in every bite. Warm, buttery, and comforting, this dish is an escape to Italy right on Smith Street.

[213 Smith St. between Baltic and Butler streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 246-2221, www.huntersbrooklyn.com].

EXPLORING

Underworld

Exploring the dark corners of the abandoned Domino Sugar factory and then canoeing down the East River in search of hidden, decaying spots on the shore is a typical weekend for Nathan Austin.

In his upcoming lecture on urban exploring, Austin plans to discuss the logistics and ethics of sneaking into spaces one is not supposed to be. Some of the logistics are common sense: wear practical shoes, bring gloves, don't explore while drunk, don't break into people's homes.

But there are also more delicate issues. For example, if Austin is exploring and runs into homeless people, he will back off and go find another spot to check out.

"They've made a home there and that's worthy of respect," said Austin. "I want to encourage people to explore, but I want them to do it respectfully."

Nathan Austin's "How To Trespass: An Illustrated Lecture" at the Observatory (543 Union St. at Nevins in Gowanus, observatoryroom.org). Jan. 8, 8 pm, \$10 includes a cocktail.



Photo by Tod Seelie

SPORT

Golf for good

Now you can tee off for a cause. The owners of Red Hook's Brooklyn Crab will host an upcoming miniature golf tournament on the putt-putt course in the seafood eatery's backyard benefitting the Hurricane Sandy-battered businesses of the waterfront community.

All entrance fees for the Jan. 5 tournament will go directly to Restore Red Hook, a non-profit organization created in the wake of Hurricane Sandy to help the small businesses of the tight-knit neighborhood get back on track after the storm's floodwater inundated them, ruined inventory, and crippled livelihoods.

There will be a \$10 fee for teams of two to play on the 18-hole course and a complimentary beer or soda will be given to each attendee courtesy of Union Beer Distributors, Troegs Brewery, Blue Point Brewery and Greenport Harbor Brewery. There will also be \$5 draft beer specials all day long for those who want to booze it up.

Competing teams will tally their scores based on the honor system and the team with the best overall score on the entire course wins.

Mini-golf for Hurricane Sandy relief at the Brooklyn Crab (24 Reed St. near Van Brunt Street in Red Hook, (718) 643-2722, www.RestoreRedHook.org). Jan. 5, noon-4 pm, \$5 per person.

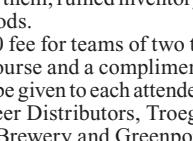


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MUSIC

Noisy barn

There's plenty of space in the barn for everyone.

On Jan. 5, the Silent Barn, which recently made the move from Queens to Brooklyn, will present an evening of soundscapes in the renovated storefront performance space, inviting some bands to stay in their 1972 camper called "Canned Ham," designed by artist Katie McVeay (pictured).

Among the bands playing is Alien Whale, a raucous, three-man jam ensemble. Also on the bill is Cloud Becomes Your Hand, whose hardscrabble yet listenable audio environments sound like they were made to accompany a videogame wherein a Calcutta kitchenmaid battles a swarm of robed locusts, the Indian street-scene still audible in the background. It's not dance music but it makes for an aural feast.

Fox-Crane-Bear, with longtime Silent Barn resident G. Lucas Crane, and Heat Identity will perform, as well.

Various artists at Silent Barn (603 Bushwick Ave. between Melrose and Jefferson streets, www.silentbarn.org) Jan. 5, 8 pm-midnight, \$7.

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FRIDAY

January 4



New laughs

Join the often off-the-walls energetic and intense comic John F. O'Donnell from "Live from Outer Space" as he hosts the "Annual 50 First Jokes," a comedy event to kick off the new year. Fifty jesters including funny ladies Brooke Van Poppelen, Calise Hawkins, and Nikki Glaser will tell their first jokes of the year.

7:30 pm at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouse-ny.com]. \$10 advance, \$12 doors.

SATURDAY

January 5

Bad mother

Who is the band, that would risk their necks to blow their trumpets? It's Ikebe Shakedown! This exuberant group will have you dancing through its set of funky cinematic soul — and will have you feeling like a character from a gritty Quentin Tarantino film even as you leave to go home, or stay out for round two.

8 pm at Cameo [93 N. Sixth St. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, www.cameony.net]. \$8 advance, \$10 doors.



7 pm at BAM Rose Cinemas [30 Lafayette Ave., between St. Felix Street and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, bam.org]. \$13.

TUESDAY

January 8



Very meta

Paul Dano plays the part of Nick Flynn, in "Being Flynn," a film based on the best-selling memoir "Another Bullshit Night in Suck City," by Nick Flynn. Watch the film and then participate in a Q&A and book signing — with Nick Flynn.

7 pm at Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, wordbrooklyn.com]. Free.

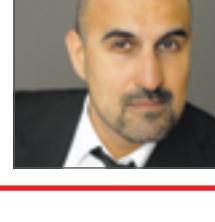
WEDNESDAY

January 9

Book believers

Go see a discussion between two true believers of the written word. Heidi Julavits is co-editor of the literature-boosting Believer Magazine and author of most recently "The Vanishers," and author of "Gods Without Men" Hari Kunzru took the bold action of reading from "The Satanic Verses" at an event in India, where the book is still banned.

7 pm at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St., at South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, greenlight-bookstore.com]. Free.



THURSDAY

January 10



Short stories

Considered a master of short fiction by writing workshop students everywhere, George Saunders is releasing a new book of stories called "Tenth of December" — after a story published in the New Yorker, about a young boy and an old man who find themselves gripped in a struggle for survival in a bleak winter expanse known as the backyard.

7:30 pm at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St., at South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, greenlight-bookstore.com]. Free.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, JAN. 4

ENTERTAINMENT, LETTERS TO SANTA: A museum exhibit at Williamsburg's City Reliquary tells the story of a young Bedford-Stuyvesant-born man who in 1913 played Santa and answered the hopeful letters of needy children. \$5. noon-6 pm. City Reliquary [370 Metropolitan Ave., between Marcy Avenue and Haverstraw Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-4842] www.cityrelicuary.org.

ENTERTAINMENT, STORIES AND SPOKES: Biko Center Bushwick Brooklyn will host its series First Fridays Live. This series brings the performing Arts to the community of Bushwick Brooklyn. On Jan 4th the program will feature "Stories and Rhythms of Polynesia and South India." \$20. 7 pm. Biko Center [1474 Bushwick Ave. in Bushwick, (917) 517-8588] www.bikocenter.org.

ART OPENING RECEPTION: NURTUREart is pleased to present The Order of Things, which considers the shift in our relationship to the universe in light of recent apocalyptic predictions. **Free.** 7-9 pm. NURTUREart [56 Bogart St. in Bushwick, (718) 782-7755] www.nurtureart.org.



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MUSIC, AFRO-BEATS: The Mandingo Ambassadors stay true to the tunes found in Guinea. \$10 donation. 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177] www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

THURS, JAN. 10

MUSIC, INDIE ROCK: Honey wild, Companion, Sam Buck Rosen and Adios Ghost. \$7. 8:00 p.m. Cameo [93 North Sixth Street in Williamsburg, www.cameony.net].

FRI, JAN. 11

MUSIC, PECULIAR TUNES BASED ON SOUNDS OF ODD ANIMALS: Songs for Unusual Creatures boast tunes that celebrate a range of odd creatures that roam the planet. \$10 donation. 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177] www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

ART, VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY: Studio10 is pleased to present Per Future, an exhibition of work about scientific phenomena. This exhibition includes five single-channel videos and two series of photographs. **Free.** 7 pm. Studio10 [56 Bogart St. in Bushwick (718) 852-4396] www.studio10bogart.com.

SAT, JAN. 12

MUSIC, DISCO, ELECTRONICA: Rory Phillips and JDH and Dave P. \$8. 11:59 p.m. Cameo [93 North Sixth Street in Williamsburg, www.cameony.net].

MUSIC, CELLIST TUNES: Helen Gillet is a New Orleans-based cellist, singer, composer and improviser that will take the stage. \$10 donation. 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177] www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

TREE MULCHING: Bring your Christmas tree for mulching and enjoy the day with hot cocoa. **Free.** 10 am-2 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Third St. and Park Circle in Prospect Park] <http://www.parkslope-civiccouncil.org>.

SOUTH AFRICA DAY: Children 4 years old and up learn all about Nelson Mandela, master a few words in Zulu and make their own inspired craft to take home. Free with museum admission. 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

CIVIC CALENDAR

MON, JAN. 7

NAMI Connection. Monthly meeting. **Free.** 6-8 pm. Kings County Hospital Center [451 Clarkson Ave. in Flatbush (718) 512-5269].

FRI, JAN. 11

Community Education Council District 20. Parents get information on Special Ed Reform. **Free.** 9:30-11:30 am. District Office [415 89th St. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge (718) 759-3921].

Education, Special Education

TUES, JAN. 8

MUSIC, INDIE ROCK: Lazy Talkers, Ace Reporter, Shit Show, Bears in a Temple For Midgets. **\$7.** 8:00 p.m. Cameo [93 North Sixth Street in Williamsburg, www.cameony.net].

READING, READING: Award-winning journalist Jonathan Katz, the only full-time American correspondent in Haiti during the devastating 2010 earthquake, launches his investigation of how ordinary Haitians fare

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2013...

Keep watch to see if she can make it happen.

8 The Alliance for Coney Island

If Coney Island ever becomes a glitzy, year-round entertainment destination, these are the folks who will make it happen.

The Alliance for Coney Island united the biggest names in People's Playground amusements in 2012, forming an advocacy group that could help shape the future of the borough's seaside escape. The organization got to work helping Coney recover following Hurricane Sandy — expects members to keep at it in 2013, and pay close attention to the other initiative launched by the group, which boasts big names including Deno's Wonder Wheel Park, the Brooklyn Cyclones, Luna Park, and Gargiulo's Restaurant.

Puff, puff, and pass that bill! That's what state Sen. Diane Savino hopes to do in Albany this session, where the Bay Ridge politician is leading the way in the push to legalize medical marijuana in New York state.

Savino told an upstate press conference in Albany this session, where the Bay Ridge politician is leading the way in the push to legalize medical marijuana in New York state.

"I believe there is sufficient support in both parties in all three conferences in the Senate," she said.

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9 Hakeem Jeffries

Mr. Jeffries is going to Washington.

The former Prospect Heights assemblyman has replaced retired Rep. Ed Towns in the House — and the borough is watching closely to see what the first-term congressman will do once he hits the nation's capital.

No one can be sure exactly who will be drawing the Xs and Os for the Nets at the end of this season, or the beginning of the next one.

10 The new coach of the Nets

Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov has high expectations for Brooklyn's new home team.

"Only championship, no more, we're only human," he told the press last week.

That win-or-get-fired attitude means the coach of the Nets has the hardest job in the

borough going into 2013, and potentially the hardest job in sports. As of press time, P.J. Carlesimo was leading the squad as an interim coach after November "Coach of the Month" Avery Johnson got canned for a poor December and a .500 record.

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11 Chris Olechowski

This year, Williamsburg will be following the leader.

North Brooklyn is paying close attention to new Democratic district leader Chris Olechowski after he defeated incumbent Lincoln Restler (a member of our "11 to watch in 2011") for the obscure party position.

During the 2012 race, both

Restler and Olechowski, who is the chairman of Community Board 1, framed the wonky party post as a position that would allow them to have a real impact on the lives of Brooklynites — not just on internal Dem business. Keep an eye on Olechowski in 2013 to see how he treats the new gig.

12 Third Avenue's restaurant row

Move over Fifth Avenue

— brownstone Brooklyn has a new dining strip!

Third Avenue

emerged

as a culinary destination

in 2012, with the Little Neck

drawing crowds, the Pines

garnering praise from high

up in food media, relatively

recent additions such as Four

& 20 Blackbirds and Bar

Tano demonstrating stay-

ing power, and the legend-

ary Two Toms continuing to

do what it does best.

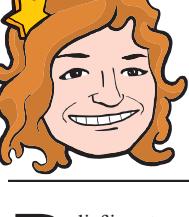
13 The waterfront

Hurricane Sandy devastated the borough when it hit Brooklyn's shores, with waterfront communities suffering the worst damage.

Families lost their homes, entrepreneurs lost their livelihoods, and Brooklyn lost some of its landmarks.

The borough banded together in recovery efforts in late 2012, but so much work must still be done. Restoring, repairing, and redeveloping the waterfront will be the story of 2013 — and likely many more years to come.

He's found something to believe in



Fearless Parenting

By Stephanie Thompson

giving that to him, but I didn't know how, exactly.

I told him my own stories of belief, then, not dissimilar, about the time when I first lived in New York and walked a different way to work every day but still saw the same guy coming toward me.

It is a long-held truism in our household that Eli does not believe in god. He has been a man of science, while his brother Oscar has stated an unwavering faith in that spirit who guides us.

"I thought you didn't believe in God," I said.

He shrugged nonchalantly.

"No, I do now, I told you, after Seattle..."

Seattle was indeed awesome, but I hadn't realized there'd been an awakening. Had it been the kick-butt Japanese we ate? The Space Needle? The beautiful view out living room window of our bed and breakfast?

"What happened in Seattle?" I asked.

"I told you — or I told dad — at dinner," Eli said. "I saw this guy, a handicapped guy, with a white beard, three different times in Seattle."

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We parked on Seventh Avenue near Union Street and walked around the corner to the dentist.

We were checking on a tooth Eli lost. He'd complained enough about "a funny feeling" there that I found it worrisome and thought it best to check it out.

We were in the dentist probably 15 minutes, paid \$45 so the dentist could give us faith that everything was okay, and were on our way again, slightly sheepish about the unnecessary trip.

Eli ran ahead and it was then that I saw him, head down to avoid the gaze of passersby, walking slightly sideways toward me on Seventh Avenue. It was the Brooklyn Cleaner, my strange muted use.

I called to Eli excitedly as he passed. "Eli, Eli, there is! That's him! The guy I see everywhere!"

"That's him?" he said incredulously, wrapping his mind around the coincidence.

I hugged Eli close, and together we watched the familiar stranger's back as he walked away.



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J.D. OF FAIRFIELD AT BRIDGEPORT
1061 MAIN STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604
PATRICIA FERNANDA CHAN, PLAINTIFF
V. JUAN CARLOS TORRES, DEFENDANT
NOTICE TO:
JUAN CARLOS TORRES
The plaintiff has named you as a Defendant in the complaint which is being brought in the above named court, seeking a dissolution of marriage and other relief. The court finds that all reasonable efforts to notify you have failed, your whereabouts are unknown and that notice of this action be given to you by this publication.

To respond to this complaint or be informed of further proceedings, you or your attorney must file an Appearance with the above named court.

You are hereby notified that Automatic Court Orders are effective and are a part of the complaint on file with the above named court.

The foregoing notice is published pursuant to the ORDER OF NOTICE issued by the court on November 9, 2012. This notice shall appear once a week for two successive weeks commencing on or before JANUARY 13, 2013.

Attest: /s/ John Corelli
STATE OF MARSHAL
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
Stamford, Connecticut
DECEMBER 17, 2012.

SUMMONS: VANDOROS V PAPAPAVLOU
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS, INDEX NO 22909/12, STELLA VANDOROS, Plaintiff - against PAVLOS PAPAPAVLOU, Defendant
Summons and Notice in divorce action, venue based upon Plaintiff's residence, cause of action is abandonment. You are summoned to appear in this action by serving a Notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney, Thomas P. McNutt, Esq., 305 Broadway, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10007 (212)344-0272 within 30 days after service is completed and if you fail to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default.

To the above named Defendant, this Summons is served upon you by publication by Order of Hon. Joseph J. Esposito, a Justice of this court, granted on November 30, 2012. The nature of the ancillary relief demanded is: The Plaintiff may resume use of her maiden name, Stella Vandoros, or any other former surname. The Family Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Court with respect to any future issues of maintenance and support. The provisions of DRL Section 236 Part B Section 2, (Automatic Orders Notice) and DRL Section 255 (Health Insurance Notice) shall apply. The Court may grant such other and further relief as it may deem just and proper. The relief sought is a Judgment of Divorce.

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